हिन्दुस्तान कॉपर लिमिटेड में कार्यरत अधिकारियों द्वारा स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति लिया जाना

*145. श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी: क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1993, 1994 और 1995 के दौरान हिन्दुस्तान कॉपर लिमिटेड में कितने अधिकारियों द्वारा स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति ली गई;

(ख) ऐसे कितने अधिकारियों को उनकी देय-राशि का पूरा भुगतान किया गया है;

(ग) बाकी अधिकारियों को भुगतान न किए जाने के क्या कारण है; और

(घ) केन्द्र सरकार ने इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी राशि भेजी है?

खाद्य मंत्री तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) से (ग) वित्तीय वर्ष 1993-94, 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति योजना के के तहत स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति लेने वाले अधिकारियों की संख्या निम्न प्रकार है:-

1993-94	-	157
1994-95	-	72
1995-96	-	26

स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति योजना के तहत सेवा-निवृत्त किए गए सभी अधिकारियों को उनकी देय राशि का भुगतान कर दिया गया। वैतनमानों में संशोधन की वजह से, अनुग्रह राशि(स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति मुआवजा) में आए अंतर के कारण अतिरिक्त राशि देय हो गयी है। कम्पनी के पास धन की कमी के कारण 85 मामलों में स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति की संशोधित राशि का भुगतान अभी किया जाना बाकी है।

(घ) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा हिन्दुस्तान कॉपर लिमिटेड में स्वैच्छिक सेवा-निवृत्ति के वित्त पोषण के लिए मार्च, 1996 तक 57.45 करोड़ रु० की राशि दी गई।

Proposal for financial assistance for construction of godowns for revamped PDS in Andhra Pradesh

*146. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government had sent a proposal for sanction of an amount of Rs. 2.29 crore for construction of godowns for Public Distribution.System in revamped Public Distribution System areas;

(b) if so, whether detailed proposals in, this regard have been furnished to the Central Government;

(c) whether the Central Government have not sanctioned the amount so far;

(d) if so, the reasons for delay; and

(e) whether during the current year the amount will be released for construction of godowns in the State?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The proposal of Government of Andhra Pradesh for financial assistance under Centrally Sponsored Scheme for construction of Godowns in RPDS areas was considered by the Standing Finance Committee in its meeting held on 11.10.1996. The Committee has approved financial assistance to the State to the tune of Rs. 124.20 lakhs for construction of 16 godowns with a capacity of 5000 MTs. Sunction for release of funds has already been issued vide letter No. 21/43/95-PD. I dated 24.10.1996.

Policy and strategy to encourage adoption of orphan children

*147. DR, SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the Government 's general policy and strategy to encourage adoption of orphan children;

(b) the steps taken to see that the adopted children come in the mainstream;

(c) whether it is necessary that throughout the life of the adopted child, his fact of adoption will have to be mentioned on Government documents like driving licence, passport etc.;

(d) if so, under what legal provisions; and

(e) the steps to be taken to ensure that the adopted child does not come to know the fact of his adoption during the tender years.of age?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI B.S. RAMOOWALIA): (a) The Government has recognised that adoption is the ideal and most effective means of non-institutional support for the orphaned, destitute, abandoned, relinquished and neglected children as it provides the child are and protection in a family setting which is necessary for his/her total development.

The paramount interest of the Government is to ensure that as many children as possible are adopted in Indian families as it is believed that a child's development is best in his/her own cultural milieu. Therefore, this Ministry has been laying emphasis on promoting in-country adoption. Inter-country adoption will be reserted to only when all avenues of placement in Indian families have been exahusted.

In order to encourage in-country adoption and also to provide care, protection and nurturing to children of very young age (between 0-6 years), the Ministry of Welfare since 1992-93 has been implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for setting up of Homes (Shishu Greh) for infants for promoting in-country adoption. The Scheme is operated through non-Governmental Organisations and grants are given for setting up of Homes to maintain a minimum of 10-20 children between the age group of 0-6 years and place them in adoption in India familie's. At present 45 Homes are being assisted under the Scheme.

(c) and)d) In the case of the word Adoption' featuring in Passports, with effect from 20th August, 1996, the Ministry of External affairs has issued instructions vide para 171 of the Passport Manual, 1983, to all Passport issuing authorities not to give any indication in the Passport of the adopted child to the fact that he/she has been adopted. These instructions the now being scrupulously followed by all Regional Passport Officers/Passport Officers.

As per forms for Driving Licences and other documents prescribed in the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1988, the fact of "adoption" or otherwise is not required.

(b) and (e) The onus for ensuring that the adopted child is integrated into the mainstream and also ensure whether the child comes to know the fact of his/her adoption during infant years is essentially dependent upon the adoptive parents, extended family and the community in which the child is living. The Placement Agencies have counseling sessions with the adoptive parents and the extended family prior to adoption as well as post adoption with regard to many factors which inter-alia include the communication of the fact of adoption to the child. The Government is also giving grants to Voluntary Coordinating Agencies to conduct Awareness Compaigns and Sensitisation Programmes for all matters pertaining to adoption.

Memorandum by FCI Employees' Union, Visakhapatnam against surrendering of godowns

*148. DRY. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether FCI Employees Union, Visakhapatnam have submitted a Memorandum against surrendering of godowns;

(b) if so, the details of their demands; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Union vide their Memo. No. Nil, dated 9.7.96 demanded retention of godown Nos. 5 and 6 at Vizag Port Trust (VPT) area. The Union had also demanded that FCI should acquire alternative land for construction of godown and till then the godowns in question should not be surrendered to the VPT.

(c) These godowns were handed over to VPT in June, 1995 (on the insistence of the V.P.T.). However, these godowns were hired by FCI as per its requirement and are continuing with the FCI.

Technology upgradation of small scale industires

*149. SHRI SAIFULLA:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for technology